

News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire

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New Dover Police facility to open later this month

The new police facility on Chestnut Street is on schedule to open later this month.

As work continues to prepare for the opening of the new facility, the police headquarters on Locust Street, at City Hall, remains open.

Those seeking police assistance or services should still visit the Locust Street location or call 603-742-4646.

For more information about the new police facility, visit the <u>project page here</u>.

Meetings this week:

Planning Board, March 8, 7 p.m.

The Planning board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

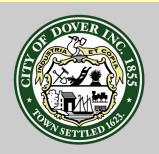
City Council, March 9, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, click here.

To view televised meetings online, on demand, visit www.dover.nh.gov/dntv.

For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit the meeting calendar page.



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City Hall hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Recycling Center hours:



Presentation offers a closer look at Dover budget process

Residents are invited to a special presentation on how the City's budget is prepared and proposed during the "Budget Revealed" event on Tuesday, March 22, 2016.

City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., will lead the presentation, which will detail how the City's budget is created, funded and managed. "Budget Revealed" is intended to provide residents and taxpayers with a deeper knowledge of the City's budget process and how City services and programs are funded, including general government, public safety, culture and recreation, human services, public works and education.

The presentation will conclude with a question-and-answer session.

"Budget Revealed" will begin on March 22 at 6:30 p.m., at the Media Access Center, Room 306, the McConnell Center. The public is invited to attend. Please RSVP to Colleen Bessette in the City Manager's office by calling 516-6023 or e-mailing c.bessette@dover.nh.gov.

The presentation will air later on Channel 22 and be available on the City's website.

"Budget Revealed" is an outreach effort to engage the community in the budget process. An online resource, which includes detailed information about the budget process, is <u>available here</u>.

The City Manager will present the fiscal year 2017 proposed budget to the City Council on March 23, 2016. More information about the FY2017 budget can be found at the <u>Budget Revealed online resource</u>, which will be updated during the budget process, and by signing up for the Budget Revealed <u>newsletter here</u>.

For more information, contact the City Manager's office at 603-516-6023.

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, Dover Police partner on awareness and prevention of opioid abuse

The Board of Trustees at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital unanimously approved a \$125,000 grant earlier this month to the City of Dover Police Department to offer ongoing support for the organization's Community Outreach Bureau with specific emphasis on awareness and prevention of opioid abuse.

The Dover Youth to Youth (Y2Y) Program and the Dover Coalition for Youth will utilize the grant funding to continue working to improve the quality of life in Dover for youth and families by preventing the harm caused by substance abuse. Funding will support the creation of public service announcements to increase awareness of the current heroin and opioid epidemic - including expansion of the "If I'd Known" campaign highlighting people in recovery from heroin addiction; training for local employers to recognize the signs of substance abuse and how to help; the exploration of drug treatment models to support recovery at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital; the development of many school and community projects to both raise awareness about the substance abuse problem and provide an organized method for community resources and partners to collectively develop solutions.

"Education, awareness, treatment, and ultimately prevention are where we need to focus our efforts in this crisis our community is facing. The efforts of the Dover Police Department and their strong youth programming are making an impact," said Gregory Walker, President and CEO of Wentworth-Douglass Health System. "We are happy to help them sustain efforts around awareness and to also develop ideas and initiatives focused on prevention."

"The Dover Police Department is grateful for the ongoing partnership with Wentworth-Douglass Hospital," said Chief Colarusso. "Dover has been hit hard by the opioid epidemic and this support will allow the police department to sustain

our current prevention programs and develop important new initiatives to address substance abuse in our community."

For more information about program activities or how you can help, contact Vicki Hebert at v.hebert@dover.nh.gov or by calling (603)516-3279.

Join the Dover Library for a flute and piano recital March 6

The Dover Public Library will host an informal recital of flute music performed by artist, writer, and musician Ross Bachelder, on Sunday, March 6 at 2 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Accompanying Bachelder will be well-known Greenland, New Hampshire pianist Cheryl Lynne Stromski.

Bachelder lives in Berwick, Maine and travels frequently to perform, to paint and to photograph. He has performed in musical theatre as well as solo as "The Flute Guy". He has exhibited his drawings, paintings, assemblages, and photographs in area galleries for many years. He was the founder and coordinator of the KAA Seacoast Moderns (within the Kittery Art Association), and the coordinator of The Abstract Artists Group of New England (within the Newburyport Art Association).

In 1980 he founded Artful Endeavors, a consulting service for creative people of every kind. In 1984, he founded the Berwick Young People's Theater, where he wrote and produced musical comedies. For 12 years he managed the Frame Shop and Franklin Gallery at Ben Franklin Crafts in Rochester. He is currently writing a book, "Happy Dawg Walks The Sad Man: The Remarkably Varied Adventures of a Confirmed Arts Multiple".

Bachelder's accompanist, Cheryl Lynne Stromski, has a very successful career as an in-demand pianist, pit orchestra musician, church-based musical director, and highly respected accompanist. She and Bachelder have performed together at many Seacoast area events and at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

Stromski has performed in Italy, Ireland, and at a Vatican mass. She was the music director of the Prescott Park Arts Festival for eight years, and is currently the minister of music at the Stratham Community Church UCC. She is studying for her master of divinity degree at Andover-Newton Theological School.

For more information about this free recital, please call the Dover Public Library at 603-516-6050 or Bachelder at

Spring sports sign-ups at Dover Recreation continue Saturday

Dover Recreation will host sign-ups for spring sports at the McConnell Center cafeteria on Saturday, March 5, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Dover Baseball, Dover Youth Softball, Dover Youth Football, Dover Little Green Football, Dover Little Green Cheerleading will be available for sign-ups.

The spring sports sign-up flyer with more detailed information about each league can be viewed here.

For more information, contact Dover Recreation at 603-516-6401.

City of Dover's spring sign clean-up begins next week

The City of Dover Department of Planning and Community Development will conduct a citywide clean-up of unpermitted, off-premise signs the week of March 14, 2016. Illegal and unpermitted signs include those on utility poles, trees or in the right-of-way.

With a few exceptions, off-premise signs are not permitted in Dover. Sign clean-ups are conducted in order to remove signs placed without permission, such as those often found attached to roadside trees and utility poles, or on the ground along roadsides. These signs may cause a safety hazard for motorists and pedestrians, or create a visual blight that is unsightly for residents and visitors.

Elena Piekut, Assistant City Planner, explains that another goal of the clean-up is to support those organizations with legal signage.

"Dover's sign regulations were created to balance the need for business identification, advertising, and communication with the need to protect safety and welfare and maintain an attractive appearance throughout the City," Piekut said. "Removing illegal signs helps to ensure that those who've followed these regulations know that their efforts to obtain permits are meaningful."

Owners are advised to remove any unpermitted signs prior to the clean-up, which begins the week of March 14. Confiscated signs will be held at City Hall for 30 days prior

to being recycled or destroyed, unless the sign is claimed by the owner after paying a reclamation fee based on the actual cost of man-hours and equipment use. Repeat offenders may be subject to prosecution and fines.

Per state law, all political advertising for the New Hampshire primary-with the exception of advertising of candidates who were winners in the primary-should have been removed no later than the second Friday following the election, Feb. 19, 2016.

The clean-up will be the first conducted in 2016. Two cleanups in 2015 resulted in the confiscation of 18 signs. The City's focus on enforcement of the ban on off-premise advertising began in 2010, when up to 80 signs could be confiscated on a quarterly basis.

For more information please contact Elena Piekut, Assistant City Planner, by phone at 516-6008 or by e-mail at e.piekut@dover.nh.gov.



Learn the secrets to a toxic-free lawn at March workshop

Want to learn how to have a beautiful lawn without toxic pesticides? The City of Dover and Beyond Pesticides will host a workshop on organic turf management on Thursday, March 31, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 305 at the McConnell Center. The workshop will focus on natural turf management, led by one of the nation's experts on lawn and turf care.

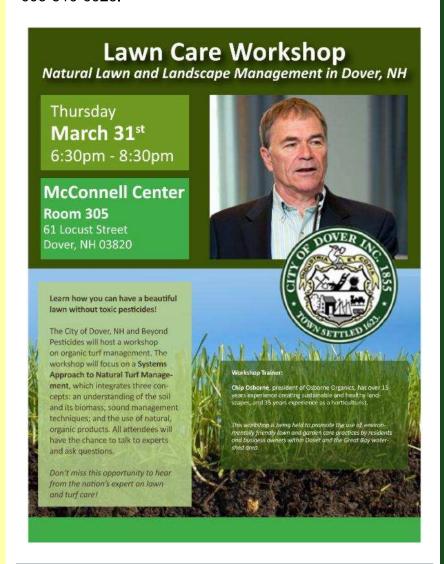
Attendees will have the chance to talk to experts and ask questions.

Speakers include Chip Osborne, president of Osborne Organics. Osborne has over 15 years experience creating sustainable and healthy landscapes, and 35 years experience as a horticulturist. Also attending is Drew Toher, public education associate at Beyond Pesticides, a national nonprofit seeking to protect health and the environment from the harmful effects of toxic pesticides.

Register for this event by email here. Registration will also be available the night of the event.

This session is free and open to residents of Dover and other communities in the Great Bay watershed.

For more information, contact the City Manager's office at 603-516-6023.



Dover Library to host free organic gardening course

The Dover Public Library is pleased to offer a free, comprehensive three-part organic gardening course on consecutive Monday nights, March 7, 14 and 21, 2016, from 6-8 p.m. in the Library's Lecture Hall. The course, totaling six hours over the three nights, will include practical tips on how to create a new garden, soil preparation, seed starting, planting techniques, container gardening, cultural techniques during the growing season (such as watering, fertilizing, and pest and weed control), how plants and soil interact, succession planting, planting multiple crops in the

same space at the same time, how to compost, crop rotation, cover cropping, and mycorrhizobials.

The sessions will also include discussions about our existing industrial food production system, including pesticides, genetically modified seeds, seed labeling and supplier concentration, globalization and famine, organic certification, and regulatory capture.

The instructor is Vincent Cirasole from Rochester. Cirasole has taught physical education and organic gardening in New York before relocating to the Granite State in 2013. He is also a master gardener, a commercial vegetable grower, and organic growing enthusiast. Over a period of years, Cirasole developed this tri-part course which has proven to be fascinating and popular with students. Reference material and sources of additional information will be distributed to all participants at no charge, but pre-registration is required.

Interested gardeners may call the Dover Public Library at 603-516-6050 to sign up for the course, or register online here.

Dover Library to host SAT Diagnostic Day

The Dover Public Library and Sylvan Learning will host a full-length SAT diagnostic assessment on Friday, March 18, 2016 (Teacher Workshop day), from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of the Dover Public Library.

The diagnostic day will simulate the real exam and give you added confidence and practice for when the real day comes.

Call today at 516-6050 to secure a seat or register at library.dover.nh.gov.

A "Feedback Session" to discuss results, as well as tips and tricks, is scheduled for Wednesday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Dover Public Library at 603-516-6050.

Tri-City chambers to host legislative reception

The Greater Dover, Rochester and Somersworth chambers of commerce will present the 2016 Legislative Reception on Monday, March 7, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

State, county and local officials representing the communities of Dover, Rochester and Somersworth have been invited to attend. The reception will provide Chamber members the opportunity to meet elected officials in a casual and relaxed setting.

Cocktails and light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

This event is free to attend for members of the Greater Dover, Rochester and Somersworth chambers. The event is sponsored by Eversource.

For more information, or to register, click here.

City to hold informational meeting on Keating and Birchwood neighborhood improvements

As part of the City's Capital Improvements Plan, the Keating and Birchwood neighborhood is scheduled for roadway construction and improvements. This area consists of Hayes Lane, Keating Avenue, Renaud Avenue, Shamrock Lane, Birchwood Place and Emmet Road.

A neighborhood meeting about the project is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at 6 p.m., at Community Services, 271 Mast Road.

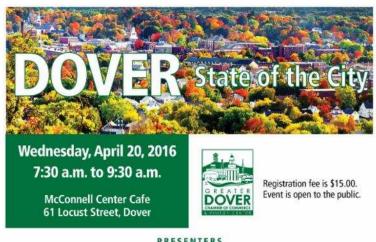
The project includes upgrades to utilities, drainage improvements, streetscape improvements, sidewalks, and some traffic calming measures.

Engineered design plans for the project are expected later this year, with construction possibly beginning in the spring of 2017.

The neighborhood meeting is part of the preliminary design phase and is held to gather feedback and ideas from residents and community members.

The meeting will include a description of of proposed improvements and time for questions and answers with project engineers and City staff.

For more information, contact Community Services at 516-6450.



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Dover Chamber to host annual State of the City April 20

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will host the annual state of the city on Wednesday, April 20, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., at the McConnell Center Cafe.

Hear city leaders discuss their vision for the future and priorities for the upcoming year. This year's speakers are City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., Police Chief Anthony Colarusso, Assistant City Manager of Planning and Strategic Initiatives Christopher Parker, and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Elaine Arbour.

A question-and-answer session will follow the remarks.

The cost of the event is \$15 and is open to the public.

The Chamber encourages those interested in attending to register in advance by clicking here. Registration is required.

The program is sponsored by Eversource.

For more information, contact the Chamber at 603-742-



The following events are recorded in "Notable Events in the History of Dover, New Hampshire: From the First Settlement in 1623 to 1865," by George Wadleigh, "Historic Rambles About Dover," by Robert A. Whitehouse, "Port of Dover: Two Centuries of Shipping on the Cochecho" by Robert A. Whitehouse and Cathleen C. Beaudoin, and several other historical sources.

For more on the history of Dover, settled in 1623 and the oldest permanent settlement in New Hampshire and seventh oldest in the country, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street; and the Woodman Institute Museum, Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, located at http://www.dover.lib.nh.us/DoverHistory/cityof.htm.



March 4, 1702 - The Indians "by their late carriage having given occasion for suspicion that they design mischief," the Lt. Governor gave orders that scouting parties should be organized from Kings Town to the Salmon Falls River. Capt. Woodman of Oyster River was required to send two men from that place to the Lamprey River and back, and two other men to Tolend Falls to the house of John Ham, Jr., and Capt. John Tuttle of Dover was required to send two men from Ham's to Salmon Falls to the house of Capt. Ichabod Plaisted. This scout was to be informed daily unless weather did not permit travel. (Provincial records)



March 7, 1718 - "We are informed from Dover that the snow lies two feet deep on the ground, and that several parts are bare on the Neck, where last week were seen swarms of grasshoppers, some hopping and some flying, which considering the season of the year and the nature of the creatures seems very strange." (Boston News Letter)



March 5, 1781 - Voted "that each recruit from this town as their quota of men for completing the Continental Army have and receive as wages fourteen bushels of Indian corn per month during their stay in the service, and that the selectmen give their security for the payment of the same accordingly'."



March 8, 1830 - A portion of Piscataqua Bridge, extending from the arch about 400 feet south, was carried away by

the force of the waters and a great pressure of ice, of about three acres in extent.



March 4, 1834 - The mills of the Cocheco Manufacturing Co. stop for three days after female workers strike over a reduction in pay. The strike was short-lived and the company prevailed, not making any concessions. A strike by female workers for two days in 1828 had also ended without relief for the workers.

City of Dover employment opportunities

Want to work for the City of Dover? The City's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment.

The City of Dover is now hiring the following positions:

- Lifeguards
- Swim instructor
- Account clerks
- Systems Administrator
- Library maintenance mechanic
- Gym attendant
- · Laborer: Facilities and Grounds

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of Dover, <u>click here</u>.

Dover schools to hold kindergarten, first-grade registration this week

Dover public schools will soon hold kindergarten and firstgrade registration for children as follows:

- Children five years old by Sept. 30, 2016, entering kindergarten;
- Children six years old by Sept. 30, 2016, entering first grade (if not currently in Dover public kindergarten).

Horne Street School

Registration is by appointment only. Please call Ms. Morton at 516-6756 to set up an appointment. Registration hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 8, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 9, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 10, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

Woodman Park Elementary School

Registration is by appointment only. Please call Ms. Rouillard at 516-6700 to set up an appointment. Registration hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 8, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 9, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 10, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

Garrison Elementary School

Registration is by appointment only. Please call Ms. Lilakos at 516-6752 to set up an appointment. Registration hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 8, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 9, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 10, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

As part of the registration process, parents registering children for kindergarten are asked to select a half-hour slot for an early screening skills check of their child.

These sessions will be held at the three elementary schools on the following dates:

- **Garrison Elementary**: Thursday, April 7; Tuesday, April 12; and Thursday, April 14.
- Horne Street and Woodman Park schools: Tuesday, April 19; Wednesday, April 20; and Thursday, April 21.

For more information, contact the schools at the phone numbers above.

Your City needs you! City boards and commissions seek to fill several vacancies

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the energy and talent of citizen participation on boards and commissions.

The City's boards and commissions encourage public participation and are seeking new members to fill several vacant positions.

Joining one of the City's numerous boards commissions not only offers a chance to give back to the community, it can be a rewarding and valuable experience, and helps shape the City's future.

For more information about the important role of the City's boards and commissions, please view the video below. Click on the image to view.



City of Dover Boards and Commissions

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about vacancies and how to apply, <u>click here</u>.

To download an application for board and commissions, click here. Completed forms should be returned to the City Clerk's Office. Committee application forms are kept on file for one year from date of submission.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 516-6018.

CITY OF DOVER (3) SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stay informed with City of Dover special announcements

Want up-to-date information about road work, emergencies, special projects, and other important information? <u>Sign up now</u> to receive special announcements via email.

In addition to Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a variety of e-mail updates, including emergency and road closure information, Police Facility and Parking Garage updates, Silver Street reconstruction news, news from the Public Library, waterfront development, and more.

To sign up for one or all of the City's updates, <u>click here</u>. An e-mail address is required to access the special

MUNICIPAL MATTERS

Time to register your vehicle? Save time, register online

Did you know you can save yourself time and a trip to City Hall by registering your vehicle online?

Online vehicle registration renewal is easy, safe and secure. You can register online by providing a PIN number or your license plate number. Your PIN number is provided by the City of Dover and can be found on your renewal notice.

For your convenience, you can now pay for motor vehicle registration by credit card.

For more information on the E-registration process, <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch it again, online and on demand.

Simply visit <u>www.dovernh.viebit.com</u> to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Want to stay up to speed on exciting events and activities in Dover? Sign up for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's weekly newsletter, Peek at the Week, for upto-date information on what's happening in Dover.

Whether it's the schedule for the Cochecho Arts Festival, art exhibits or where to shop for local products, sign up for Peek at the Week, and you'll be ready for the week ahead.

You can sign up to receive the Chamber's Peek at the Week by e-mail <u>here</u>.

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